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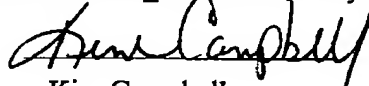
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith provide an accompanying claim amendments to their Request for Continued Examination, and a response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2006. Please amend the application as follows:

Remarks begin at page 2 of this Amendment and Response.

Conclusion begin at page 6 of this Amendment and Response.